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- (c) cost of training camp,
- (d) the privincial Jambori,
- (e) grants to district councils, and
- (f) printing, stationery, etc. ?

A.—The grant of Rs. 10,000 is a *lump* grant to the Boy Scouts Association, Madras, and its object is to enable the Association to employ a capable organizing Secretary. The Association has been asked to furnish to the Government a statement of the expenditure incurred out of the grant, duly certified by qualified auditors.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Are the Government aware that the grant of Rs. 10,000 made by them is practically taken up by pay and travelling allowance with the result that there is no provision made for the several other items in their programme ? That being the case, will the Government consider the question of making a supplementary grant ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ No, not at present.”

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ May I know whether the Government will please inquire into the financial situation of the Association ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ That is under consideration.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDY :—“ Has this association asked for any additional grant ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ The association asked for a certain amount of money and Rs. 10,000 was found necessary and that sum was accordingly granted as a lump sum.”

Introduction of spinning in Government schools.

* 278 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state in what Government schools and to what extent spinning has been introduced in the Madras Presidency ?

A.—Spinning alone has not been introduced into any Government schools in this Presidency. As auxiliary to weaving it has been introduced in a few schools. Spinning alone has practically no educational value.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ May I know what is meant by ‘ auxiliary ’ ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ I must ask the hon. Member to refer to a standard dictionary.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Sir, this is a common answer given by the hon. Minister. I know that auxiliary means aid. I want to know what that auxiliary is ? ”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“ Again, I must ask the hon. Member to read the whole of the answer. If he does so, it will be quite clear.”

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—“ Is it a fact that Government have not allowed spinning in the educational institutions ? ”

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The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"Yes, unless it is of any educational value, educational institutions have nothing to do with any other object."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"The answer says 'as auxiliary to weaving it has been introduced in a few schools'. Why should not local bodies which have spinning mills be not permitted to teach spinning in their schools and why should they be discouraged and prevented from doing so?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"It is not a question for information. It is a suggestion for action."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"There cannot be any weaving without spinning. Therefore, Sir, shall we not begin spinning in the elementary schools?"

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Spinning alone is practically of no educational value. That is the answer. Is it the individual opinion of the hon. the Minister for Education or has he consulted people who are better fitted to give an opinion in the matter?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"The answer is there. It is open to the hon. Member to draw his own inference."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasaya :—"Is the hon. Minister aware that the Bihar and Orissa Government have introduced spinning in their educational institutions?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I have no official information about it, Sir."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"May I know under what rule the hon. the Minister has taken power to prohibit local bodies from introducing spinning in their educational institutions?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"If the local bodies have such power, it seems to me that they can do it themselves without coming to the Government."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"May I know what exactly is implied by the term 'as auxiliary to weaving'? Does it mean that weaving also is taught in schools?"

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"On this question I understand that the word 'auxiliary' is a misprint for 'ancillary'." (Laughter.)

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know whether the Government consider that spinning has got vocational value, if not educational?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"Spinning has got vocational value."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Then why should not Government introduce spinning in these schools?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"In connexion with vocational or practical instruction it has some value, but not in connexion with the education imparted in our elementary schools where it is not the policy of the Government to give vocational instruction."

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Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"Have the Government introduced spinning in any of their vocational schools?"

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU:—"So, Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether such schools as have introduced spinning only as part of vocational instruction have been doing so without his knowledge?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I am not aware of any instance where schools have adopted it by themselves."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI:—"May I ask the hon. Minister for Education whether it is not a fact that this opinion in regard to spinning is the opinion of the Education Department and not of the hon. Minister himself?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is the opinion of the Education Minister as well as that of his department that is given there."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"Is there any difference of opinion between the hon. Minister and his department?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"There is no difference of opinion."

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYIDU:—"In view of the resolutions passed by the Legislative Council two years ago, will the Government be pleased to bring up the matter before the Legislative Council before any definite action is taken on questions like introduction of spinning into schools, etc., and obtain its views thereon?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Yes, that aspect will be considered."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—"I want to know whether spinning has been introduced in any of the educational institutions in the presidency?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I do not know whether it arises out of this question."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the elementary schools have vocational instruction?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Not in the elementary schools proper."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Then what is the meaning of saying 'as auxiliary to weaving it has been introduced in a few schools'. Does it not mean that in some elementary schools it has been introduced?"

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU:—"Is not practical instruction included in the elementary education? Does it not come under it?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is provided for in the Educational Rules passed under the Elementary Education Act under which the District Educational Councils have full power."